

Laurel Fere Roamer---Pimlico Awaits Opening Tomorrow

National Handicap to Andrew Miller's Roamer

Steeplechase Racing To Feature Pimlico

King of Thoroughbreds, with 132 Pounds Up, Scores Easy Victory in Feature at Laurel.

SETS PACE ALL THE WAY

By GEORGE B. MORRIS.

Laurel, Oct. 30.—It was a great day for the thoroughbred at Laurel Park this afternoon. The king of them all, Andrew Miller's Roamer, made his appearance in the National Handicap, and showing the crushing import of 132 pounds made all the pace to score easily. While the performance of this great son of Knight Errant and Rose Tree II was distinctly the feature of the racing, the other five contests must not be overlooked. All furnished rattling good contests and were worthy of the place in the National Handicap.

The performance of Roamer will live in the memory of Maryland turfgoers who witnessed the great little gelding's feat. And there were no small number present, as Laurel Park was packed as it never had been before, fully 5,000 lovers of the horse being present. Roamer was the name that was on everyone's lips before the thoroughbred contested the issue in the Handicap, and Roamer is a name that will not be soon forgotten in these parts.

The Andrew Miller 4-year-old more than lived up to expectations when he raced his opponents off their feet in the early stages of the mile and a furlong race, and then drew away in the stretch run. It was a great race every step of the journey and the ovation that greeted Roamer when he returned to the scales was a hearty one.

While the field in this stake was a small one, only four starters, it represented the best aged horses in training in the East. Roamer was a decided favorite with the monster crowd, but the imported racer, Short Grass, came in for a heavy play, being well fancied by the wisest. Roamer's first turn was the quickest to the post, and he was the first to break from the starting gate.

Roly attempted to go up to the leader after being off slowly, but was cut off by Stomberg, and this caused Garner to pull up sharply. Down the backstretch Roamer simply galloped along, and the official time showed that he had won the race by a wide margin. The several attempts of Roly to get through on the rail were frustrated by Stomberg, who was running a hard race. Garner was finally forced to take the Leary 2-year-old to the outside. Short Grass, at his stage, was closer than most, and appeared to be a most formidable contender.

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MACHINES INSTALLED

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Bowie, Md., Oct. 30.—The Prince George Park track at Bowie is a busy place, preparing to make the close of the racing season for 1915 one that will be remembered. The track is being opened on Saturday, November 13, and from then to November 30 inclusive it will be the center of attraction to lovers of the thoroughbred.

Everything indicates that it will be very successful, added interest being attached to it on account of the large number of longer distance races having been arranged by General Manager James F. O'Hara, which has struck a popular chord with the racing public.

Mr. O'Hara reports that every mail brings applications for stable room, although there has not been an unusual amount of interest in the track. All available accommodations can be found here secured to take care of those who have planned to end the season at Bowie and special trains will run daily from Benning.

The feature of the opening day will be a mile handicap for all ages, with three of the other events carded are respectively for one mile and seventy yards, one mile and a sixteenth and one and a half miles. This is greatly appreciated by breeders, who are strong for a more sturdy strain of thoroughbreds.

Considerable interest is being shown in the latest system of mutual machines which is being installed. These machines will show the odds on the different races during the progress of the speculation, the figures of which can be seen from all parts of the betting ring.

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